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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicant in order to comply with Applicant's duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

The documents listed on the attached PT0/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. A partial English translation of the Japanese Office Action of September 27, 2006, follows:

- Cited Literature

- 1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-335245

- 2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H08-147231

- Claims: 1–3, 9, and 12

- Cited Literature: 1 and 2

Cited Literature 1 describes sending a first detection signal to a node that is connected to a network, detecting the IP address of a node that is subject to detection, sending a second detection signal to the IP address for the node that is subject to detection, and receiving a response from said second detection signal to determine the type of node that is subject to detection (see (Claim 1) and paragraphs (0031) through (0035) of Cited Literature 1).

Cited Literature 2 describes, as the node detecting method, sending a search message to addresses in a predetermined range (see (Claim 1) in Cited Literature 2).

Record of Prior Art Literature Search Results

- Fields Searched: IPC

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- Prior Art Literature

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2002-190811 ← *already submitted*

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H06-338884

This record of prior art literature search results does not constitute a reason for refusal.

Document B1 is a U.S. counterpart of Document B2.

Any document listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application.

Applicant respectfully requests that each listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese office action are based on a translation that applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by applicants, with or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese office action.

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Respectfully submitted,

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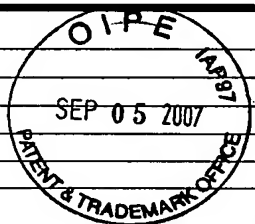
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	B4	JP 6-338884	12-06-1994	MIZUTANI ISAO		A

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